

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 461 OF THE CODE OF 1873, AND PROVIDE
A SUBSTITUTE THEREFOR.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 461. The establishment and maintenance of a free public library is hereby de-
2 clared to be a proper and legitimate object of municipal expenditure, and the council or
3 trustees of any city or incorporated town may appropriate money for the formation and
4 maintenance of such a library, open to the free use of all its inhabitants under proper regu-
5 lations, and for the purchase of land and erection of buildings, or for the hiring of build-
6 ings or rooms suitable for that purpose, and for the compensation of the necessary employes;
7 and may levy and collect a special tax upon the taxable property in such city or incorporated
8 town, in addition to the maximum tax now authorized by law, to provide funds for meeting
9 such appropriation; *provided*, that the amount appropriated in any one year, and levied and
10 collected by special tax, as aforesaid, for the maintenance of such a library shall not exceed
11 one mill upon the dollar upon the assessed valuation of such city or town; the said special
12 levy for library purposes, and the collection thereof, to be as provided by city ordinance, and
13 to be made at the time and in the manner fixed by law for the levy and collection of taxes
14 for ordinary city purposes. All levies of taxes heretofore made for the purposes contem-
15 plated in this section, or in the section of which it is an amendment, are hereby declared to
16 be valid and collectable in law. Any such city or incorporated town may receive, hold, or
17 dispose of any and all gifts, donations, devises, and bequests that may be made to such city
18 or incorporated town for the purpose of establishing, increasing, or improving any such
19 public library; and the city or town council thereof may apply the use, profits, proceeds,
20 interests and rents accruing therefrom, in such manner as will best promote the prosperity
21 and utility of such library. Every city or incorporated town, in which such a public library
22 shall be maintained, shall be entitled to receive a copy of the laws, journals, and all other
23 works published by the authority of the State after the establishment of such library, for
24 the use of such library, and the Secretary of State is hereby authorized and required to
25 furnish the same from year to year to such city or incorporated town. But no appropria-
26 tion of money can be made under this section, unless the proposition is submitted to a vote
27 of the people; and at the municipal election of such city or town, the question to be so sub-
28 mitted shall be the following, " Shall the city (or town, as the case may be) accept the bene-
29 fits of this section?"